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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

The Rockefeller Foundation has recently initiated a new program called The Great Neglected Diseases of Mankind. These diseases are great in terms of the vast number of individuals involved and neglected with respect to both funding and lack of interest by the biomedical research community. Our program involves the establishment of a network of research groups in departments of medicine, pharmacology and immunology in outstanding medical schools and research institutes of the world. This network, which at present includes Case Western Reserve, Tufts, Harvard, Rockefeller and Oxford Universities, the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (Melbourne, Australia) and the Biomedical Research Center for Infectious Diseases (Cairo, Egypt), will have a meeting each year. The inaugural meeting will be at Rockefeller University in New York City on November 13-17, 1978. As an important component of this initial meeting, we will be giving an intensive four-day course in the major parasitic infections of the world with an international faculty of excellent teachers and laboratory demonstrations of in vitro systems and laboratory models.

As we are trying to stimulate interest among leaders of the biomedical sciences research community, we would like to invite you to attend this meeting. We will be sending you further information and the agenda in the near future. It would also be appreciated if you would suggest other possible participants for this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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